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**RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION**  
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Sir/Madam:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed August 15, 2007, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the above-identified patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

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